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**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
GROUP ART UNIT 1654**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant	: LIGNELL et al.	Confirmation No: 4529
Appl. No.	: 10/088,496	
Filed	: March 29, 2002	
Title	: USE OF XANTHOPHYLLS, ASTAXANTHIN e.g., FOR TREATMENT OF AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES, CHRONIC VIRAL AND INTRACELLULAR BACTERIAL INFECTIONS	
TC/A.U.	: 1654	
Examiner	: S. Coe	
Docket No.:	: LIGN3005/REF	
Customer No:	: 23364	

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of December 29, 2003, in connection with the above-identified application.

Please amend the above identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.